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REMARKS

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1. On 18 July 1953, the town of Templin was unoccupied. On the same day, a column of 3 x 132-mm rocket launchers, 10 trucks, and 50 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets passed through Templin, coming from the north and proceeding southward. On 22 July, six trucks, came from the direction of Lbertswalde. On 23 and 24 July, reports of guns were heard from the direction of Kattenburg.

2. Between 11 and 17 July, no training activity was observed along the Voegelsang-Hammelsting road in the training area. The quarters seen from the road appeared to be vacant.

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3. On 24 July, 44 x 45-mm AT guns towed by prime movers at a distance of 200 meters.

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soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying baggage, was seen en route toward Zehdenick, coming from the Templin troop training grounds. On the same day, armored scout car [ ] sidecar motorcycle [ ] occupied by 2 soldiers wearing tank insignia; and a patrol officer with 2 soldiers wearing tank insignia were seen coming out of the woods southwest of Hammelspring. <sup>1</sup>

4. The beginning of the third phase of construction work at Vogelsang had been delayed by incompetent calculation until about 15 July and almost came to a standstill as a result of the events on and after 17 June. The non-completion of the construction work in Vogelsang allegedly will result in the transfer to the Weisse Stadt restricted area in mid-October of three units previously stationed in the Sachsenhausen concentration camp. <sup>2</sup>

25X1 [ ] Comment. The light occupation of the Hammelspring-Kannenburg area is due to the absence of the bulk of the 6th Gds Mecz Div and was also  
 25X1 [ ] along with new motor vehicle numbers observed there. In addition to new motor vehicle numbers,  
 25X1 old numbers of the 25th Tank Div, the 6th Gds Mecz Div, the 536 AAA Div (US), the unidentified AT Arty Brig of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army and additional  
 25X1 headquarters units of the army, as well as of the 312th Gds RL Regt, were observed. [ ]  
 25X1 [ ] Comment. [ ] in mid-May, [ ] because of reconditioning  
 25X1 work in the Weisse Stadt, it was believed that units of the 25th Tank Div from  
 25X1 the Sachsenhausen concentration camp would transfer from Templin to the Weisse  
 Stadt after the completion of the fall maneuvers. [ ]

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